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SENATE BILL

No. 477

Introduced by Senators Soto and Alarcon
(Coauthors: Senators Kehoe and Romero)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Torrico)

February 18, 2005

An act to add Section 8687.7 to the Government Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 477, as amended, Soto. Emergency services: recovery process.

Existing law, the Disaster Assistance Act, requires that the Director of the Office of Emergency Services provide financial assistance to local agencies for public real property that is damaged or destroyed by a disaster.

This bill would authorize the office to establish a model process that would be made available to assist a community in recovering from ~~a state-declared disaster~~ *an emergency proclaimed by the Governor* and would provide that the process may consider ~~whether to designate, among other things, the role of the office as an advisor and facilitator for the community recovery process, whether procedures to provide that the office be has representation onsite as soon as practicable after a state-declared disaster occurs, whether to designate the Governor proclaims a state of emergency, the role of the office to facilitate the use of temporary services, whether the role of the office to authorize the office to facilitate the establishment of temporary structures,~~ including local assistance centers, showers and bathroom facilities,

and temporary administrative offices, and ~~whether to designate the office~~ *measures* to encourage the participation of nongovernmental organizations in the community recovery process to supplement recovery activities undertaken by federal or local agencies.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8687.7 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

3 8687.7. (a) As used in this section, the following terms have
4 the following meanings:

5 (1) “Community” means a geographic area impacted by ~~a~~
6 ~~state-declared disaster~~ *an emergency proclaimed by the Governor*
7 that includes the jurisdiction of one or more local agencies.

8 (2) “Community recovery partners” means local, state, and
9 federal agencies, private nonprofit organizations,
10 nongovernmental agencies, faith-based organizations, and other
11 private entities.

12 (b) The office may establish a model process that would be
13 made available to assist a community in recovering from ~~a~~
14 ~~state-declared disaster~~ *an emergency proclaimed by the*
15 *Governor*. The model process may include the following:

16 ~~(1) Whether to designate the office as an advisor and~~
17 ~~facilitator for the community recovery process.~~

18 *(1) The role of the office in the community recovery process.*

19 ~~(2) Whether to provide that the office be onsite as soon as~~
20 ~~practicable after a state-declared disaster occurs.~~

21 *(2) Procedures for the office to have representation onsite as*
22 *soon as practicable after the Governor proclaims a state of*
23 *emergency.*

24 ~~(3) Whether to designate~~ *The role of the office to facilitate the*
25 use of temporary services, including, but not limited to, direct
26 assistance to individuals, families, and businesses, crisis
27 counseling, disaster unemployment assistance, food and clothing
28 vouchers, communications systems, replacement of personal
29 identification documents, provision of potable water, housing,
30 farm service assistance, tax relief, insurance, and legal services.

1 (4) ~~Whether to authorize~~ *The role of the office to facilitate the*
2 establishment of temporary structures, including local assistance
3 centers, showers and bathroom facilities, and temporary
4 administrative offices.

5 (5) ~~Whether to designate the office~~ *Measures to encourage the*
6 participation of nongovernmental organizations in the
7 community recovery process to supplement recovery activities
8 undertaken by federal or local agencies.

9 (6) *The office may refer the model process to the standardized*
10 *Emergency Management System (SEMS) Advisory Board, or any*
11 *other advisory board it deems appropriate, for review and*
12 *modifications.*

13 (7) *It is the intent of the Legislature that the model process*
14 *assists and complements local procedures. The model process*
15 *should allow the office to offer additional assistance when that*
16 *assistance is needed but not available through local agencies.*